

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated October 27, 2003, Claims 39 and 58-62 were rejected. These claims are being canceled herewith to allow the application to proceed to issuance. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the canceled claims in a future continuation application.

In the same Office Action, Claims 1-6, 10-13, 14, 16, 17-35, 69-73 were indicated as being allowed in paragraph 3 on page 3.

Moreover, Claims 40-57 were indicated as being objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

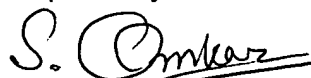
Accordingly, Claims 40, 41, 45-51 and 54-57 are re-written in independent form. Note that not all of the limitations of the base claim have been recited in these claims (which are now independent). Instead, certain language from Claim 39 has been not included or revised, in view of the lack of prior art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to carefully review each of the claims being re-written in independent form to confirm that these claims are patentable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims, so that the application can proceed to issuance.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, ext. 3.

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